GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF INDIAN HERBAL MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in the demand of Indian herbal medicines from the developed countries;

(b) if so, the value of herbal medicines exported during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 so far; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the export of herbal medicines to other countries also?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Country-wise export data is available in the DGCI&S publication viz., `Monthly statistics of the Foreign Trade of India`.

(c) The Government of India is extending Market Development Assistance for exporters including the ayurvedic and herbal exporters for competing in foreign markets through participation in overseas fairs, exhibitions, for mounting trade delegations and for conducting market surveys in foreign countries. Department of Indian System of Medicines and Homeopathy under Government of India exclusively concentrates on all aspects of herbal industry to redress various problems faced by the industry and to provide more focused attention to export of herbal products. CHEMEXCIL, the concerned Export Promotion Council under Department o Commerce, has a separate Ayurvedic Sub-Panel. Further, Government is constantly interacting with the herbal industry and the concerned associations to identify and deal with the problems faced by this industry.